

July 7, 2008; Agenda Item No. 9

Resolution No. 08-89

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY DELEGATING TO
THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY RESPONSIBILITY
FOR PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION PURSUANT TO THE
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, PALISADES JEWISH EARLY
CHILDHOOD CENTER, TEMESCAL GATEWAY PARK, PACIFIC PALISADES

WHEREAS, Chabad of California has submitted a project description for the third extension of a “non-extendable” lease at Temescal Gateway Park; and

WHEREAS, The Palisades Jewish Early Childhood Center desires to begin classroom use of a quarter acre of the playing field and meadow at Temescal Gateway Park starting in September of 2008; and

WHEREAS, The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy as the lead agency has an obligation to fully comply with the California Environmental Quality Act; and

WHEREAS, In order to complete environmental documentation prior to the start of the September school year, and in time for the California Coastal Commission to review the project, contracting with an independent outside environmental consulting firm will be required; and

WHEREAS, During the anticipated delay in the enactment of the Budget Act of 2008 the Conservancy, as a state agency, does not have contracting authority, and it is necessary to use an outside entity that will advance funds for this purpose; Now

Therefore Be It Resolved, That the Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy hereby:

1. DELEGATES to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, pursuant to the provisions of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement and the Reciprocal Management, and Reciprocal Services agreement(s) between the Conservancy and the Authority, the responsibility for preparation of environmental documentation pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, Palisades Jewish Early Childhood Center, Temescal Gateway Park; and
2. REQUESTS that the Governing Board of the Authority accept such delegation and advance such funds as are necessary to complete such environmental documentation as will comply with the California Environmental Quality Act, provided that such advanced funds will be repaid by the Conservancy to the Authority upon resolution of a payment and reimbursement system approved by the Department of Finance for receipt and expenditure of environmental compliance fees.

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~ End of Resolution ~

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a special meeting, duly noticed and held according to law, of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy held on the 7th day of July, 2008 at Pacific Palisades, California.

Dated:

Executive Director